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SUBJECT: KENYAN FONMIN BRANDS BARRE REGIME OUTCAST

1. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 15 FRONT-PAGED STATEMENT OF FONMIN WAIYAKI THAT SOMALIA WAS "BLACK SHEEP OF AFRICAN FAMILY" AS NO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY WAS INTERESTED IN OPENING UP ISSUE OF BOUNDARIES. WAIYAKI MADE STATEMENT WHEN RECEIVING ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DESTA MARCH 14.

2. ACCORDING PRESS, WAIYAKI REITERATED KENYA'S CONSTANT SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA DURING OGADEN FIGHTING, WELCOMED NEWS THAT ETHIOPIA HAD GAINED RESOUNDING VICTORY AND ADDED, "SOMALIA HAVING BEEN DEFEATED BY US IN THE 60'S AND NOW AGAIN IN THE 70'S MUST NOW REASSESS ITS STAND ON THIS MATTER."

3. ACCORDING PRESS, WAIYAKI CONTINUED THAT PEOPLES OF EAST AFRICA--KENYA, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, AND DJIBOUTI--WERE BROTHERS AND "IT IS ONLY WHEN LEADERS OF THESE COUNTRIES RESPECT THIS UNDERSTANDING THAT PEACE CAN RETURN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA." FONMIN ADDED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD HELP IN BRINGING PEACE TO REGION WHEN " LEADERS OF COUNTRIES

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IN HORN SUPPORT PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN DESTRUCTION."

4. PRESS REPORTED AMBASSADOR DESTA BRIEFED WAIYAKI ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING ETHIOPIAN PEACE DEMANDS AND REFUSAL TO ACCEPT STATIONING OF OBSERVER TROOPS IN OGADEN.

5. COMMENT GOK HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN IT ATTACKING BARRE
REGIME AND "BLACK SHEEP" REFERENCE IS BUT FURTHER
EVIDENCE OF GOK HARD LINE ATTITUDE RE SOMALIA. WAIYAKI'S
REMARKS SHOW GOK PLEASURE IN ETHIOPIAN VICTORY AND
DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING STRONG KENYAN SOLIDARITY WITH
ETHIOPIA IN FACING SOMALI IRREDENTISM.

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